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STAFFDEL GOLDSMITH

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL GOLDSMITH - POW/MIA'S

REF: CHIEF LEG AFFAIRS NAVY 272049Z NOV 73

1. JOHN A. GOLDSMITH, PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER, SENATE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, PLANS TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS
TO OBTAIN FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
ACCOUNT FOR AMERICAN POW/MIA'S IN INDOCHINA. MR. GOLD-
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SMITH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CAPT. JAMES KNEALE, USN,
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF DEFENSE.

2. MR. GOLDSMITH HAS MET IN RECENT WEEKS WITH FRANK SIEVERTS, D/PW, AND ROGER SHIELDS, DOD/ISA, TO DISCUSS HIS COMMITTEE'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT POW/MIA SITUATION. HE ALSO MET INFORMALLY NOV. 28 WITH MAJ. TOM SHORNACK OF USDEL TO FPJMT. WITH THESE DISCUSSIONS AS BACKGROUND, GOLDSMITH WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS OF FPJMT, JCRC, AMERICAN EMBASSIES SAIGON, VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK, AND JEC PARIS. GOLDSMITH ADVISES THAT COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF HEARINGS ON POW/MIA SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME.

3. GOLDSMITH HAS REQUESTED FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

A. AT ALL POSTS: SENIOR US PERSONNEL FOR BRIEFINGS ON LOCAL POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO POW/MIA ISSUE.

B. VIENTIANE: AMBASSADOR AND DCM.

C. SAIGON: AMBASSADOR, DAO, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, POL/MIL, GEORGE JACOBSON, AND COL. TOMBAUGH.

D. BANGKOK: AMBASSADOR AND/OR CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION.

E. JEC PARIS: WILLIAM MARSH.

F. JCRC: GEN. KINGSTON OR COL. DIMAURO.

4. GOLDSMITH HAS ASKED IF SAIGON COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH DRV AND PRG REPS TO FPJMT, AND VIENTIANE TO SEE LPF (AND DRV IF THIS NOT ARRANGED IN SAIGON). REQUEST THIS BE DONE IF POSSIBLE.

5. ALTHOUGH ALL TRAVEL ON ITINERARY IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IS BOOKED COMMERCIAL, STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED
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MILITARY FLIGHTS IF CONVENIENT BETWEEN SAIGON, VIENTIANE, NKP, AND BANGKOK. ITINERARY COULD BE REVISED FOR THIS PURPOSE IF NECESSARY.

6. DEPT. OF NAVY HAS SENT MESSAGE TO COMUSSAG/7TH AF AND COMUS/JCRC RE VISIT TO NKP.

7. ITINERARY:

11/30 LV. SAN FRANCISCO 1245 PA-837, AR HONOLULU 1555.

12/1 LV. HONOLULU 1345 PA-1, AR HONG KONG 2225.

12/4 LV. HONG KONG 1040 CI-817, AR SAIGON 1250.
12/7 LV. SAIGON 1515 RY-42L, AR. VIENTIANE 1730.
12/9 LV. VIENTIANE 1555 TH-537, AR. BANGKOK 1725.
12/11 LV. BANGKOK 0710 TH-242, AR. NAKHON PHANOM
12/11 LV. NAKHON PHANOM 1540 TH-252, AR BANGKOK 1825.
12/13 LV. BANGKOK 1855 AF-193, AR 12/14 PARIS 0755.
12/15 LV. PARIS 1230 PA-115, AR NEW YORK 1425.

8. PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS AS FOLLOWS:

HONG KONG - PENINSULA
SAIGON - CARVELLE
VIENTIANE - LANE XANG
BANGKOK - SIAM
PARIS - CRILLON

9. CAR AND DRIVER REQUESTED EACH POST.

10. FOR HONG KONG: STAFFDEL REQUESTS OPEN SCHEDULE.
PLEASE DELIVER FT FUNDS UPON ARRIVAL.

11. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS CA-10315 DATED OCTOBER
16, 1972 APPLY. USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 FUNDS UP
TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTA-
TION COSTS AUTHORIZED (GOLDSMITH AND KNEALE). APPOINT
CONTROL OFFICER, MEET, ASSIST, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES. KISSINGER

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